

# Meeting the Needs of ALL Learners-Helping Teachers Specialize



## Lakeview Middle is Making it Happen!



**WE ARE** Lakeview Middle School! We are part of Warsaw Community Schools. Our students come to us from four of the eight Warsaw elementary schools. Mrs. Amy K. Sivley is the principal and Mr. Matt Deeds is the assistant principal. Every day, our teachers live our district mission by inspiring and equipping our students as well as enriching their lives!

**OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES** LMS has 533 students; 14.0% are English learners. We have over half of our students on F/R lunch.

**OUR TEACHERS** Lakeview has 38 certified teachers who are highly collaborative. LMS has one EL teacher on staff and an EL assistant.

**OUR PROMISING PRACTICE** Lakeview recently received a 1003(g) School Improvement Grant. Through this grant, our teachers will be able to obtain their EL and/or High Ability certification and then move onto an administrative license, if they choose. This will allow our teachers to meet the needs of ALL students in our building.

**OUR STEPS** Next fall, we currently have eleven staff (nine teachers and two administrators) that will begin the EL certification. This will be done at Lakeview through an agreement with Huntington University. Ten staff members have elected to start the online High Ability certification through Ball State University.

Once staff members have earned their certification, we will have a team that will create a series of PD opportunities for future employees. When writing the grant, we realized that the money will go away but the skills that our teachers gain will not. These skills will continually be shared with new staff to ensure that we are meeting the needs of ALL students.

**IN OUR OWN WORDS** Dayna Kolanowski, math teacher, says "I feel anytime I'm learning as a student will have a positive impact on my students' learning. Hopefully by adding certification(s) to my license I will have a greater chance of reaching/relating to more of my students." Todd Braddock, social studies teacher, states "My hope is that by obtaining the High Ability certification I can develop the skills to challenge my higher achieving students and push them to higher level thinking more effectively. I believe this course fits in line with our corporation commitment of the PLC model and helps answer the essential question of "What do we do if students already know it?" My goal would be that as a result of taking these courses my students benefit by being more engaged in the learning process and challenged in my social studies classroom."

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